Committee Planning Report

Type of report being submitted: Committee Planning Report

Date: 9/15/11

Committee Name: NMRT Online Discussion Forum Committee

Supervising Board Member: Megan Hodge

Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs: Maureen Cropper, Chair

Committee members:
Brian McManus
Cheryl Cyr
Danielle Willgruber
Kate Kosturski
Kate Zoellner
Laura Warren
Zinthia Briceno-Rosales

Committee Charge: To plan and execute an online discussion forum

Project Description / Goals:

The NMRT Online Discussion Forum Committee plans and selects a series of discussion topics. The topics then are used to initiate discussions on the NMRT listserv. The primary goal of the committee is to stimulate active discussion and sharing among NMRT members on topics relevant to librarianship.

Specific Objectives (numbers, tangible end-products):

Once a month, October-May, a topic will be presented to the NMRT listserv for discussion. Each topic will have a discussion leader from the committee who will moderate the discussion. The discussion itself is open to all NMRT listserv members, and participation is encouraged.

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f. Vendor support planned or anticipated for the year (either money or in-kind gifts), list here: N/A
g. **Vendor support requested:** (From the above list, what, if any, has been requested from the Exhibitor Contact and Relations Committee?) N/A

h. **Vendor support received:** (From the above list, what if any, has been received?) N/A

**Specific Needs/Support (non-financial):** (For the categories below, please include approximate date service needed)

a. **Web Support (help with webpage creation, web form creation, web database, web database, scripting, etc):** A request will be made to post this year’s discussion topics and schedule on the ALA website, so that people can have a preview of the year’s upcoming topics.

b. **On-site conference volunteers:** (include estimated numbers needed and brief job description) N/A

c. **Publicity planned for the committee (posting to other discussion lists, official press release for webpage, etc.):** The NMRT Online Discussion Forum Committee will publicize its activities on the NMRT listserv. A listing of the year’s topics posted on the ALA website is also planned.

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